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In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising
 - (a) a nucleic acid molecule encoding a fusion protein comprising
 - (aa) a <u>glutathione S-transferase (GST)</u> (poly)peptide that enhances solubility and/or prevents aggregation of said fusion protein; and
- (ab) <u>a huntingtin</u> an amyloidogenic (poly)peptide that has the ability to self-assemble into amyloid-like-fibrils or protein aggregates, wherein connection of polypeptides (aa) and (ab) is via a linker or by a direct attachment, and wherein at least one of the linker, (poly)peptide (aa) and (poly)peptide (ab) includes a cleavable site, and wherein said <u>huntingtin</u> amyloidogenic (poly)peptide self-assembles subsequent to release from said fusion protein,
 - (b) a vector containing the nucleic acid molecule of (a);
 - (c) a host transformed with the vector of (b); and/or
 - (d) a fusion protein encoded by the nucleic acid of (a).
- 2. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the <u>huntingtin</u> amyloidogenic (poly)peptide comprises a polyglutamine expansion.
- 3. (Original) The composition of claim 2 wherein said polyglutamine expansion comprises at least 35 glutamines.
- 4. (Original) The composition of claim 3 wherein said polyglutamine expansion comprises at least 51 glutamines.
- 5.-8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein said nucleic acid is DNA.

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10. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein said vector is an expression vector or a gene targeting vector.

11. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein said host is a bacterial <u>cell</u>, preferably an E. coli, an animal cell, preferably a mammalian cell, an insect cell, a plant cell, a fungal cell, preferably a yeast—and most preferably a Saccharomyces or Aspergillus cell, a Pichia pastoris cell, a transgenic animal cell or a transgenic plant cell.

12-23. (Cancelled)

- 24. (New) The composition of claim 11 wherein the bacterial cell is an E. coli cell.
- 25. (New) The composition of claim 11, wherein the animal cell is a mammalian cell.
- 26. (New) The composition of claim 11, wherein the fungal cell is a yeast cell.
- 27. (New) The composition of claim 26, wherein the yeast cell is a Saccharomyces or Aspergillus cell.
- 28. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the huntingtin (poly)peptide consists of a huntingtin exon 1 protein and a polyglutamine expansion that comprises at least 35 glutamines.
- 29. (New) The composition of claim 28, wherein the polyglutamine expansion comprises at least 51 glutamines.